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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher P. Schwartz

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

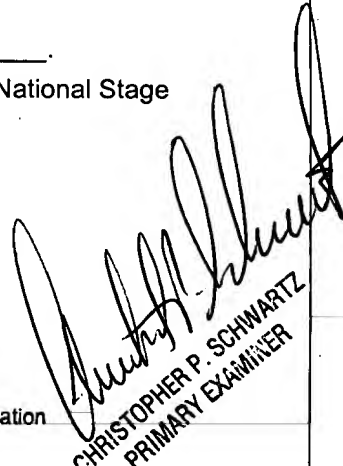
- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____


CHRISTOPHER P. SCHWARTZ
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response filed September 4, 2007 has been received and considered. It appears the issues under 35 U.S.C. 112 first or second paragraphs outlined by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the letter of November 21, 2006 have now been remedied. This action will be made Final in order to speed prosecution since the outstanding recapture issues remain and have been previously addressed. They have been repeated below for convenience.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 251

2. Claims 29-32 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application. Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

Regarding claim 29 note applicants omit claiming the cover as a part of a self sustained unit in a brake, mechanism.

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In the parent case 08/817769 the limitation of the cover was claimed in combination with the housing see patent claim 1 line 3 (note the examiner made an amendment to this claim to overcome 112 second paragraph combination-subcombination problems at that time). Note also in the patent claim beginning with line 5 applicant claims structure, namely "two thrust sleeves (8)... arranged on the cover for disposal in the housing..."

In the specification of the patent 5,833,035 column 2 note line 29"but the cover and the rest of the mechanism are also held together as a unit..."

At page 6 over to page 7 of applicants remarks in the original application 08/817,769 applicants stated "Parent claim 1 is amended to better structurally define applicants novel feature wherein the housing and cover members are structured with the entire braking unit carried by the cover independently from the housing to be inserted as a unit".

Note also applicants remarks in paper no. 5 filed in the first reissue application 09/324,506. At page 4 line 13 applicants state "the "mechanism as a unit" is clearly disclosed, wherein the cover and the rest of the mechanism is held together in the absence of the housing 1 ". At page 5 line 10 in the same amendment applicants state "However, applicant provides a unitary assembly that is assembled outside the housing and thus is inserted as a unit into the housing". Presumably this "unit" must include the cover. These latter remarks were directed at distinguishing applicants invention from the Antony et al. reference.

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From these arguments it remains unclear then how the cover can be left out of the picture if the inner workings of the brake mechanism are attached to it for insertion into the housing "as a unit". It therefore remains the examiner's position that the invention, as originally claimed, is the combination of the housing and the cover and the inner workings of the brake mechanism. One of the errors in the declaration submitted in the parent reissue states "... that no independent claim is broadly directed to the concept that the two thrust sleeves, cross bar and lever are preassembled as a unit prior to installation in the caliper"... Upon further consideration this supposed error is somewhat confusing because the first set of independent claims (13 and 21) filed with the parent reissue case both had the cover limitation in them. The "error" in the declaration hinted nothing about the omission of the cover as the basis for the reissue. Note also that nowhere in the specification does it state these specific elements (bearing tappets and thrust sleeves) are preassembled without the cover.

Response to Arguments

As discussed on page 5 in the response filed 6/18/02 applicant's argue "the cover does not relate to surrendered subject matter, as the cover itself was not added and no arguments about the presence of the cover itself were made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection." Further it is argued that there was no argument made that the cover itself was required for novelty and that the examiner has already indicated that the cover

is not required for novelty by specifically indicating the claims are patentable over the prior art of record.

The examiner maintains that applicants presented arguments in the original ('769) application the cover was a necessary limitation for novelty. At page 6 over to page 7 of applicants remarks in the original application 08/817769 applicants stated "Parent claim 1 is amended to better structurally define applicants novel feature wherein the housing and cover members are structured with the *entire braking unit carried by the cover* independently from the housing to be inserted as a unit".

Note also applicants remarks in paper no. 5 filed in the first reissue application 09/324506. At page 4 line 13 applicants state "the "mechanism as a unit" is clearly disclosed, wherein the cover and the rest of the mechanism is held together in the absence of the housing 1".

The surrender of claimed subject matter can occur by argument alone. *See Hester Industries, Inc. V. Stein, Inc. 142 F.3d 1472 (Fed. Cir. 1998)*. Further, the issue of patentability (novelty) and the issue of recapture are independent. Just because the claims have been indicated to be patentable over the prior art of record does not mean the recapture rule no longer applies.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

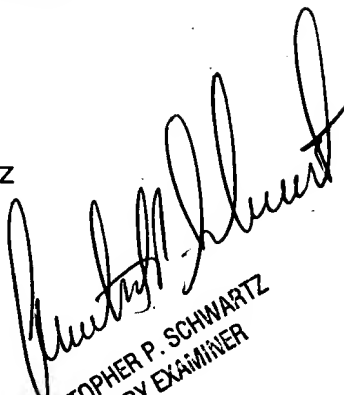
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher P. Schwartz whose telephone number is 571-272-7123. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rob Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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